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SUBJECT: DEATH SENTENCES PROTESTED IN FRANKFURT

1. THE EXECUTION OF FIVE TERRORISTS BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT ON SATURDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, LED TO A SPATE OF PROTEST ACTIONS IN FRANKFURT. MASSIVE POLICE COVERAGE, HOWEVER, PREVENTED ANY MAJOR VIOLENCE.

2. DEMONSTRATIONS BEGAN ON FRIDAY EVENING WITH THE POLICE DISPERSAL OF AN UNANNOUNCED MARCH OF ABOUT 150 PERSONS ORIGINATING FROM THE UNIVERSITY. THESE INDIVIDUALS THEN JOINED AN APPROVED TORCHLIGHT PARADE THROUGH THE CITY TO THE SPANISH CONSULATE WHERE ABOUT 2,000 PEOPLE EVENTUALLY HELD VIGIL. AT ROUGHLY THE SAME TIME A GROUP OF ABOUT 50 KPD MEMBERS, MANY WITH PREVIOUS CRIMINAL RECORDS FOR PAST POLITICAL VIOLENCE, BROKE INTO THE PAULSKIRCHE AND BRIEFLY OCCUPIED IT BEFORE BEING TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE POLICE. ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON A PLANNED DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF LEFTIST MOVEMENTS IN PORTUGAL WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A MASS RALLY PROTESTING THE EXECUTIONS. ACCORDING TO POLICE ESTIMATES ABOUT 2,500 DEMONSTRATORS WOUND THEIR WAY FOR THREE HOURS THROUGH THE CITY BEFORE ENDING AT THE

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SPANISH CONSULATE. SUNDAY MORNING A HOMEMADE BOMB EXPLODED AT THE

SPANISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CAUSING MINOR PROPERTY DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BOMB INCIDENT ALL ACTIVITIES WERE RELATIVELY PEACEFUL, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE NUMEROUS SECURITY FORCES ON HAND.

3. LORD MAYOR RUDI ARNDT PROCLAIMED A STATE OF PUBLIC MOURNING AND THE FRANKFURT SPD PASSED A RESOLUTION DEMANDING THAT THE PARTY DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AID THEIR SPANISH COMRADES IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM. CDU POLITICIANS IN THE DISTRICT ALSO EVINced THEIR DISTRESS OVER THE EXECUTIONS. RHEINLAND-PFALZ CDU CHAIRMAN, BERNHARD VOGEL, FOR EXAMPLE, CALLED THEM A SETBACK FOR DEMOCRACY.

4. ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGANS AND ATTITUDES WERE ALSO PRESENT. WINDOWS WERE BROKEN AT AMERICAN EXPRESS AND IBM BRACH OFFICES, BUT IT APPEARS THEY REPRESENTED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY ALONG THE ROUTE OF MARCH. THERE IS NO INDICATION OF A RISE IN THE LEVEL OF HOSTILITY TO THE U.S. AT THIS TIME.BLAKE

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